

OEMS Announces New Division of Community Health and Technical Resources



The Virginia Office of EMS (OEMS) is excited to announce the creation of a new division, Community Health and Technical Resources.

The manager of the new division is Tim Perkins. Prior to accepting this position, Tim worked for OEMS as the EMS Systems Planner, since 2006. He brings his own unique perspective, knowledge and experience to the division. Tim will assume his new responsibilities beginning in March and recruitment for the EMS Systems Planner position will begin soon.

Health care is rapidly transitioning from traditional fee-for-service models to patient-centered, value-driven and outcomes-based delivery systems. EMS is uniquely positioned to support our nation's health care transformation by filling the gaps in local health care and community services with 24/7 medical resources that improve the patient care experience, improves population health and reduces health care expenditures.

This division is tasked with addressing many of the important topics that the EMS system is facing, not only in Virginia, but also across the country, including:

- Mobile integrated health care/Community Paramedicine
- Disease management and preventative healthcare services
- Identification of underserved populations and gaps in access to health care
- Fostering strategic partnerships and collaboration between EMS agencies, health care professionals and communities to advance population-based initiatives that will improve health outcomes
- Technical Assistance liaison and subject matter expert
- Studying and analyzing EMS workforce trends, developing recruitment and retention strategies and facilitating EMS agency resiliency and succession planning
- EMS agency leadership and management

Visit the OEMS website for updates as the new division and its programs and projects take shape: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/>.